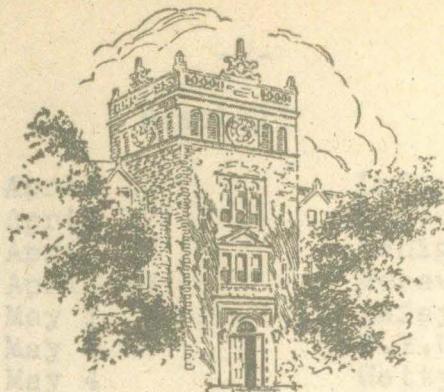


## To the

# FRONT



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Dear Mules:

Spring is in the air, the campus is again beginning to take on the beauty which has endeared it to the hearts of every Muhlenberg man, and it's time for another newscast to all of you. So take time off, and let's go.

The basketball season which had all Allentown and the many loyal 'Berg alumni agog from the opening game to the rousing Madison Square Garden Tournament will come to a climax next Thursday night when a testimonial dinner will be held for the squad. Plans have been made to have as the principal speaker, none other than Lou Effrat, the outstanding expert on basketball of the New York Times sports staff. Lou is president of the Metropolitan Basketball Writer's Association and has seen and written about the greatest teams in the nation through his coverage of the games in Madison Square Garden and the nearby metropolitan areas. Awards will be presented by the College Athletic Association and among the guests will be a number of prominent coaches and sports writers.

The day after I wrote the last letter to you, the team returned to the campus to be given a rousing welcome by the students, College, and city officials and fans who had followed them through one of the best years in basketball history at 'Berg. As the 1:15 train pulled into the Lehigh Valley station hundreds of students and townsfolk were gathered there. A cheer swelled as the players, coaches and supporting cast stepped off the cars. The students had secured several jeeps and a considerable motorcade of cars for the trip to the College, and the squad boarded the gaily decorated jeeps and swept up Hamilton Street amid cheers from interested onlookers.

As the group approached the campus, they heard the college bell ringing and found students, dismissed from class for this important occasion, gathered on the back campus to add their welcome. A short program was presented, with Attorney Gene Gorman, an ardent Muhlenberg fan, as master of ceremonies. Dr. Tyson, Councilman Robert Ritter, who represented Mayor Brighton C. Diefenderfer, Guerney Afflerbach, and Coach Lee Coker were eloquent in their praise of the men who had compiled such a fine record on the courts. Jim Doran, captain of the team, was then introduced, and he, in turn, presented all the members of the squad, as well as "Scotty" Renwick and "Dot" Weigner, athletic secretary, whose activities were important assets to the success of the season.

Harry Donovan did it again. His selection as honorary captain and member of the All-State team was announced recently. Harry, who participated in the All-East, All-West charity game sponsored by the New York Herald Tribune on March 30, scored three points during the fifteen minutes he played. All-East won by a score of 60-59 and Harry, as the only Freshman on the team, did a grand job and brought additional credit to Muhlenberg.

I started off this letter with a reference to Spring and on that same note, the next item would be spring sports. Guerney Afflerbach released the schedules for baseball, tennis, and track and they are listed here in the hope that any of you who will be in Allentown on those dates will drop around and see your teams in action.

Baseball

Saturday	April 13	Lafayette	Easton
Wednesday	April 17	Moravian	Allentown
Wednesday	April 24	Lehigh	Bethlehem
Saturday	April 27	Moravian	Bethlehem
Wednesday	May 1	Lafayette	Allentown
Friday	May 3	N.Y.U.	Allentown
Saturday	May 4	Gettysburg	Gettysburg
Wednesday	May 8	Lehigh	Allentown
Saturday	May 11	Swarthmore	Swarthmore
Wednesday	May 15	Penn State	State Colleg
Saturday	May 18	F. & M.	Lancaster
Wednesday	May 22	Temple	Phila.
Saturday	May 25	Bucknell	Lewistown
Wednesday	May 29	Princeton	Princeton
Friday	June 7	Ursinus	Allentown
Saturday	June 8	F. & M.	Allentown

Track

April 27	Penn Relays	Philadelphia
May 4	Gettysburg-Lehigh-Muhlenberg	Allentown
May 11	Middle Atlantic Tournament	Lancaster
May 18	Temple	Philadelphia
May 25	Haverford-Lafayette-Muhlenberg	Easton

Tennis

April 27	Lafayette	Easton
May 1	Swarthmore	Swarthmore
May 4	Gettysburg	Gettysburg
May 8	Haverford	Allentown
May 11	Drexel	Allentown
May 15	Lehigh	Allentown
May 18	Johns Hopkins	Baltimore
May 22	Lehigh	Bethlehem
June 1	Bucknell	Lewisburg

"Hoss" Lough has sixty men working out daily for positions on the baseball team, while "Bud" Barker will have to start from scratch with his track squad. "Doc" Shankweiler again resumes the reins of the tennis aspirants and will have to build a new team.

Before I close the sports section of this letter I want to mention the honor conferred on Oscar "Red" Baldwin. He was selected for the All-Garden team along with Jack Tingle and Ralph Beard of Kentucky, Ernie Calverly of Rhode Island and Leland Byrd of West Virginia. This selection was made by the United Press and gives additional recognition to "Red" who was in there pitching with all he had during the entire season.

The latest figures on the Field House campaign, as of April 2, show a grand total of \$363,213.00 contributed by alumni and friends of the College toward this worthy project. Rallies held, since the last letter, brought in the following reports: Easton - \$2,670.00; Stroudsburg - \$2,500.00; Wilkes-Barre - \$3,580.00; Trenton - \$1,025.00. As we visit these centers where rallies are scheduled, we find enthusiastic approval of the plans of the College and wholehearted cooperation on the part of all our graduates and former students. The new issue of the Alumni Magazine, which went into the mails yesterday and should reach you in a few days, will give you more detailed accounts of the campaign.

Mail from you men overseas tells the story of the part that Muhlenberg men are playing in mopping up the mess started by the Axis powers. LIEUTENANT BILL GRAEBER, who arrived on the campus with the first contingent of Marines in July, 1943, tells of his experiences in guarding 2800 Japanese prisoners of war on Guam. He is also personally interested in the security of several hundred war

criminals who are awaiting trial. BILL promises a first-rate Marine meal to any Mule who will drop around to see him. He had an opportunity to chat with LT. HARRY WEITZ and LT. BOB MURPHY, both of whom are headed for Sasebo, Japan, while LT. ROY GARDNER, who was with him on Guam, has headed Stateside. LT. WELTON "WIMPY" HEWITT is still the same old ball of fire and kept the boys entertained with his jokes and gags before he shoved off for parts unknown!

North China Mules could almost have a reunion of their own, for there are quite a few Marines stationed in that area. Word from LT. JOHN "HANK" BROWN '44 gave us a good picture of conditions in China and of some of the men stationed there. HANK reports meeting JAKOBOWSKI '43 and DICK MILLER, JIM CAPEHART, DUTCH BLANK, ART MURTAGH, KEITH BLOOM, JOHN QUINN, ALEX FIORE, and MEL MUNSON, all V-12 boys. HANK is living on the outskirts of Tientsin in a place which he says, "might well be suited for a fraternity house. We have Chinese houseboys who keep the place clean and do all the odd jobs that come up."

RAY NIES '45, now located near Fukuoka, Japan, writes a fine letter giving us some information on Marines stationed in that area. He tells of seeing MOE SNYDER V-12, who is Officer in Charge of Special Services, TOM MALONE, who was recently promoted to Corporal, and MATT NICKELS, also V-12 boys. RAY is enthusiastic over the proposed Field House and prophesies that the "Lights" will come to 'Berg instead of 'Berg going to the "Lights".

From the Gulf of Pohai came a letter from LT. (JG) DAVID GOTTLIEB '44 who is busy, at the moment, hauling Chinese troops up and down the coast and taking repatriates back to Japan. DAVE saw CARL STUYVESANT V-44 recently, while in port. He is now Executive officer and claims that he can get a fairly good night's sleep.

CAPTAIN KENNETH LAMBERT '39 really appreciates the sights he is seeing these days, for not so many years ago, while in Dr. Barba's German classes, he was reading about Munich, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, and Bad Totz. Now he tells us that the places are a reality and snow drifts 15 feet high are not an uncommon sight.

CHAPLAIN FRANK M. BROWN '19 is leading a very busy life in Italy these days. His duties as Theater Chaplain, MTOUSA, require him to travel extensively and he has had an opportunity to visit many historic cities and churches. He hopes to return to the states by June and is anxiously looking forward to life at home.

Probably by the time this letter will reach the mails, SGT. BILL T. EVANS '44 will be homeward bound. BILL, who is planning to return to College next fall, has really gone round the world with the Army. Starting in Europe, he saw Africa, Asia, the Philippines, flew the "Hump", and is now in Samar, with headquarters in Manila. BILL wants to make just one more trip - HOME.

Another Mule in Germany who has also taken a trip into the beauties of Switzerland is DON MELCHER '47. DON, who also is looking toward fall and college, reports that his outfit is doing dance band work mainly with occasional military band formations thrown in to keep them in practice.

Stateside mail tells mainly of men returning to civies and normal living once again. WAHKEE FLOWER '42 is back in Wyncote, Pa., and feels grand in his new rating - "Civilian, First Class". E.M. 3/c DICK WAGNER '46 is planning to study music upon his return. LT. PAUL WELER '32 has laid aside his Navy braid and is again haunting the streets of Quakertown and rooting for 'Berg's teams. The 18th of March produced another civilian in the person of CLARENCE B. NYCE '46, who is continuing his studies at Ohio State Medical School. Out of the Army, graduated from Medical School and married, all within a period of five days is the record established by DR. ERIC WALTER '43. ERIC, after a fine honeymoon in Bermuda, began his internship at the Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh, Penna.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT IAN F. TARET '41 has been named Sergeant Major of the Army Ground Group, Joint Army-Navy Task Force, which will conduct the forthcoming atomic bomb tests in the Pacific. IAN will probably find other Mules in that area, as the latest advices indicated that a number of them will be present in various capacities.

PHILIP E. VOOZ '44 is stationed at Stockton Field, Calif., where he is planning to go up before the Officer's Screening Board in the near future.

COMMANDER SCOTT G. LAMB, U.S.N., who, as the Director of Training, Fourth Naval District, was intensely interested in the progress of the V-12 unit at 'Berg, and whose wise counsel did much to aid in the success of the unit, has been awarded a Commendation by the Secretary of the Navy for his activities in coordinating the training within the district.

Recently JACK ROWE '46 and JOHNNY ELLIOTT '43 dropped into the office to give me the welcome news that they were civilians again. JACK, whose three years of service took him over most of Europe and then to the Pacific, is returning to the campus, while ELLIOTT is entering the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania.

FRANCIS S. PAULES '37 recently discharged from the Army after serving for three years with the 8th Air Force in England, following three years as a Flight Sergeant with the Royal Canadian Air Forces, has been appointed Assistant Field Director in Claims Service of the American Red Cross. He has been assigned to the Veterans Administration regional office at Wilkes-Barre and will handle the services to which veterans are entitled under current Veterans Administration legislation.

Now for promotions as space will allow: SGT. EDGAR D. STECKEL '34, LT. COL. ALFRED KRAMER '41, STEWART R. BRIGHT, RDM 3/c V-45, HOMER G. GERE, Y 1/c V-45, WILLIAM SCHMIDT, RD.M. 3/C, V-44, MAJOR FRED R. BAUSCH, JR. '31, FIRST SERGEANT HENRY C. HARNER '44, P.F.C. ALFONSO LANZILLO '48, T/SGT. GEORGE BALTHASER '31, T/SGT. FRANKLIN B. BASCOM '34, CAPTAIN DAVID LUCKS '36, LT. ALLEN UHLER '38 SGT. WINFIELD L. SCHWARTZ '34, CAPT. GEORGE JOSEPH '39, LT. COMDR. PAUL O. RITTER '24, SGT. ROBERT KRIMMEL '44, LT. COL JAMES E. KAHIE R '29, ENSIGN KENT C. ROBERTS V-44, LT. COL. PHILIP PARKINSON '39 LT. (JG) THOMAS S. MILLER '44, LT. COL. FREDERICK FAIRCLOUGH '32, ENSIGN HENRY E. DUSHUTTLE V-44, LT. (JG) GEORGE E. GRUBE '44, T/SGT. RALPH W. BAGGER '45, LT. (JG) DAVID GOTTLIEB '44, ENSIGN NORMAN H. COHEN V-44, NORBERT M. ZAREMBA, H.A. 1/C V-45, T/5 GEORGE RIZOS '44, CAPTAIN FRANCIS DELUCIA '41, ENSIGN NED B. PAULING V-44, T/5 HARRY HILGER '48, SGT. FORRESTER PIERCE '43, LT. KERMIT KISTLER '38, CPL. CHARLES A. WAGNER '47, ENSIGN THOMAS G. PROUTT V-44, CAPTAIN JAMES A. HARPS '38, LT. (JG) FREDERICK A. HEUER '44, T/SGT. CHARLES R. KEIM '35, LT. COMDR. GEORGE A. RUPP '23, ENSIGN CLARENCE TROXELL V-44, LT. COMDR. HAROLD E. RICE '41, ENSIGN CARMINE SARCONE V-45, PFC HAWLEY MERRIHEW '48, S/SGT. WILLIAM T. EVANS '44, S/SGT. HOWARD I. LUTZ, JR. '34, LT. (JG) PAUL E. BOTTIGER '43, LT. (JG) FRANK J. MILNES '44, PFC. SIDNEY GREENBERG '48 and CPL. EDWARD FISCO '49.

Kitty tells me that space is running short so I'll have to close for this time. I'll be on the road for the next several months attending the rallies for the Field House Campaign and visiting various centers, so if you happen to be there and see me, come up and shoot the breeze about the Army, the Navy (there I can help), the Marines (I get all my dope on the Marines from Kitty), the Coast Guard, or whatever your particular specialty may be. Of course, we all will have plenty to talk about, our favorite subject--MUHLENBERG. So long, and good luck, and I'll be dropping in again, via mail, in two weeks.

Cordially,

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